

HOLSINGERISMS.

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I now write from Berlin, Pa., one of my former homes, and the place at which our church paper was first published. It was then called *The Progressive Christian*.

We (that is my wife and I) arrived at this place on June 16. I believe I intimated in my last that I might give some account of the first part of our trip from California, in my next; but it is so long ago, that I fear it would be stale reading. However we will go over it briefly.

We stopped off a day at Lathrop, and had a very pleasant visit with our friends there. We love the Lathrop people, because they are good. We were also pleased to meet Sister Miller, of San Jose, there. She is also good. But we are very sorry that there are a number of very good brethren and sisters whom we could not visit, some of whose homes we might have seen from the cars, had we passed them by daylight. Among such were Sister Ebe, Brethren Beer, Brown and others on the "West Side."

Our next stoppage was at Los Angeles, with our friends, W. S. Livengood and wife, whom I had the pleasure of speaking into one about nine years ago, for which good act Brother Wm. thinks he can never fully repay me. Next we stopped at Ontario where we resided from April to August 1888. Visited Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Miller. Mrs. Miller lived with us years ago, when she was Miss Linda M. Will, and a printer by occupation. And just now I remember that when at her house she inquired whether we ever heard of Mollie Hostetter, mentioned by sister Mary Sterling in last week's EVANGELIST. Wish we could meet all our old employees in a body. What a gathering that would be. Among them are lawyers, doctors, ministers, editors, farmers, printers, and they are scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Those whom we meet occasionally treat us with great respect. We had a very pleasant time with Mr. Miller's. Also made a short stop with the Slotter family, but had our best visit with them on our return from Rosena, on May 30 to June 1. May 31 was the 34 anniversary of Brother and Sister Slotter's marriage and June 1 was our 42, so the two festivals were celebrated on the 31 of May and we had a very enjoyable time, and one long to be remembered. "When shall we all meet again?" Also had a pleasant visit with sister Alice Slotter, now Mrs. Wm. Leonard, of the same place. Of our journey to and visit at Arizona, I wrote before. The remainder of the trip as far as New Orleans, we stood very well, considering the great heat and drouth. Af-

ter leaving New Orleans we had more moderate weather and after reaching Chicago we found it just a little too cool for comfort. We remained six days with our old friend, Dr. P. Fahrney, and had a good time. Also visited the Drs. Roop, from whom we received valuable advice and encouragement. It was good news to be told, after a careful examination, that I was not in the last stage of consumption.

I am happy to say that my health is better now than when I first arrived in the state, and I am hopeful of still improving. I might now exercise a little in the ministry, if my voice were better. I have had the privilege of hearing brethren J. H. Knepper, E. E. Haskins, A. D. Gnagey and J. L. Kimmel, and I was edified by each. I have made two visits to Meyersdale, to consult Dr. Beachley, from whom I am taking treatment, and brother J. C. Mackey, who is assisting me in my literary work.

I have a desire to attend National Conference, at Warsaw, if I can raise the "wherewithal." I am delegate of the Rosena church, but the church is too poor to pay traveling expenses. I hope we may have a good conference, and may be able to do our work so well that another session may not be required during the present century. It does appear to me that with the annual state and district conferences, once in five years would be often enough to meet in national council. I also hope the Ashland College matter will be permanently disposed of. California's quota is ready to be drawn upon whenever the whole amount is similarly provided for; but it must be *beyond any doubt*. So it was decided in our Pacific Conference, and the Brethren meant what they said. If we cannot or will not pay the debt by next conference, let us turn the property over to those who have assumed it, and who hold the mortgage, and let them sell it, pay themselves out of the proceeds and turn the surplus over to the National Conference of A. D. 1900, as the nucleus for a new institution.

My private correspondents will please bear with me; I am obliged to lighten my labors. I love my friends all the same.

Shall we have a short-hand reporter at the coming conference? I am not pleased with the report of any conference since that held at Dayton, in 1883. If it is worth our while to hold a conference, the proceedings should be worth taking down and preserving. So it appears to me now and always has. I'll give a dollar towards having a full report. I'm progressive, I am; and of the forward kind. There is really no other kind, but some people think there is, and I'm afraid it is because they see some people, who are

called progressive going the other way. Let us all go forward, upward, heavenward, that there may be no doubt as to our destination in the minds of those who notice "our walk;" especially let us "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without." Col. 4:5.

DELIVERANCE FROM TEMPTATION.

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"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation."

Who is there that is not tempted frequently, severely? How comforting it is to remember that the "Lord knoweth how to deliver!" But does he deliver every time? It is not his will that we should be overcome with evil. Yet, who has not at times failed under the trial? How is this? "He knoweth *how* to deliver." Where is the fault? It may not *seem* to be in us, yet, we must "let God be true and every man a liar!" "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation *also make a way to escape*, that ye may be able to bear it." Then why do people yield to temptation? Did not God deliver three Hebrews out of the heated furnace? Doubtless, they had expected their deliverance to be through death, since the Lord allowed them to be thrown into the furnace; if so, who can imagine the gush of exquisite joy and thankfulness, that must have flooded their souls, when they saw Jesus with them, ready to deliver. It certainly must have been wonderful. Also, in the case of Daniel, when he knew that the Lord had sent his angel to shut the lions' mouths. It is blessed to be delivered out of temptation, but may it not be more blessed to be delivered when we are in the midst of the furnace, and in reach of the lions? Why not enjoy this wonderful bliss then? Is not the God of Daniel, our God? Certainly! There is only *one* God, the *true* and the *living* God.

Worship him then in spirit and in truth. I know if our hearts are in the right condition we may claim God as our deliverer every time. David sinned, but David had to suffer for it. There is just one step from right to wrong. One step from blessing to cursing. One step from joy to sorrow. God loved David nevertheless, and showed him his sins, and also punished him. But when David repented he was restored to his former position and he served and pleased God the remainder of his days. Then let us do the same. We are all weak and erring creatures in the sight of God and are likely to fall.